

# Former vice-chancellor happy Kadim now helms Unimas

**KUCHING:** Prof Datuk Mohd Kadim Suhaidi should have been appointed as the fifth vice-chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), said the institute's fourth vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Khairuddin Ab Hamid.

"Sometimes, we just don't understand why things happen the way it happened. We do not know what decision makers are thinking," Khairuddin said at an appreciation dinner hosted by Unimas staff for him here on Thursday.

Khairuddin stepped down as the university's vice-chancellor — a position he had held since 2008 — at the end of March this year.

He was replaced by Prof Dr Morshidi Sirat, who took over on April 1.

However, less than two weeks into his helm, Morshidi was abruptly promoted to the position of Education Ministry director-general and transferred back to Kuala Lumpur.

Following this sudden departure, Kadim was announced as the sixth vice-chancellor. He took over on April 16. Prior to this appointment, Kadim was with Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka.

Khairuddin added: "Maybe they (decision makers) do not fully know us, maybe they do not really understand Sarawak, to the extent that they become confused. Anyway, such is fate and in the end, we are happy and contented because Kadim now leads Unimas. In the early days, Kadim was also a lecturer at



**Token of appreciation:** Kadim (left) presenting a memento to Khairuddin at the dinner in Kuching.

Unimas."

On Kadim's appointment, Khairuddin said he had a "gut feeling" almost a year ago. "I'm not surprised at all that Kadim is now vice-chancellor.

"He should have been the fifth, not the sixth."

The succession debacle earlier this year caused some unease among staff members.